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JOINT WEEKA NO. 48

1. SPECIAL DIET SESSION

INTER-PARTY CONSULTATIONS THIS WEEK BROUGHT AGREEMENT
ON 18-DAY TERM FOR 37TH SPECIAL DIET SESSION TO OPEN DECEMBER 5
AND CLOSE DECEMBER 22. CABINET EXPECTED TO BE NAMED IMMEDIATELY
AFTER ELECTION LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER AND VICE SPEAKER ON DECEMBER 5
ALTHOUGH ANNOUNCEMENT ON CABINET MAY BE PUT OVER UNTIL DECEMBER 6
IF PROCEDURAL DELAYS UNEXPECTEDLY OCCUR OPENING DAY. FORMAL
"OPENING CEREMONIES" ATTENDED BY EMPEROR AND POLICY SPEECHES BY
PRIMIN AND FINMIN TO FOLLOW WITHIN FEW DAYS AFTER CABINET NAMED.
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET TALLING 150 BILLION YEN (\$417 MILLION)

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MAIN SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS OF SESSION. CHIEF ELEMENTS ARE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PAY RAISE, DAMAGE REHABILITATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, SOCIAL SECURITY, EDUCATION, AND FOOD ACCOUNT DEFICIT. 38TH REGULAR DIET WILL CONVENE DECEMBER 26 OR 27. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: SPECULATION RIFE/CABINET RE-SHUFFLE, WITH OPINION DIVIDED BETWEEN THOSE WHO EXPECT SWEEPING CHANGES AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE IKEDA WILL FOLLOW THROUGH ON KNOWN DESIRE TO LEAVE PRESENT LINEUP BASICALLY UNCHANGED. MAGNITUDE OF SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET INDICATES IKEDA UNDETERRED BY US ACTIONS RE DOLLAR IN DETERMINATION PRESS FORWARD WITH EXPANSIONIST ECONOMY POLICY.

2. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) DECIDES ON KAWAKAMI AS NEXT CHAIRMAN (WEEK 47, ITEM 5)

DURING WEEK BOTH ACTING JSP CHAIRMAN SABURO EDA AND FORMER CHAIRMAN MOSABURO SUZUKI WITHDREW CANDIDACIES FOR PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP IN FAVOR OF JOTARO KAWAKAMI, WHO WILL BE FORMALLY ELECTED AT MARCH 1961 CONVENTION. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 30 CHOSE EDA TO RUN AS CANDIDATE TO OPPOSE IKEDA IN DIET ELECTION OF PRIMIN. ACTION POLICY ADOPTED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE CALLS FOR PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT TO PROMOTE RELATIONS WITH COMMUNISTS CHINA, REVISION OF ELECTION LAW, AND IMPROVED SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES. PARTY ALSO DECIDED TO STEP UP ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS IN RURAL AREAS. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: CHOICE OF RIGHT-WINGER KAWAKAMI TO HEAD PARTY IN

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POST-ELECTION PERIOD IS IN KEEPING WITH JSP'S CURRENT ATTEMPTS TO
PLAY DOWN PRO-COMMUNIST RECORD. LWQFT-WING ELEMENTS IN JSP,
STRENGTHENED AS RESULT OF ELECTION, CONTINUE TO CONTROL ALL PARTY
DECISIONS BUT APPARENTLY AGREED TO KAWAKAMI SELECTION PARTY AS
MEASURE TO CHECK COME BACK BY DSP.OV

3. DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) RECONSTRUCTION PLANS

DSP CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 25 AND
MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL CHAPTERS NOVEMBER 28 AGREED
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF ELECTION DEFEAT WERE WEAK ORGANIZATION AND
INADEQUATE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM. DSP WILL SEND ADDITIONAL
ORGANIZERS FROM PARTY HEADQUARTERS TO LOCAL CHAPTERS AND CONDUCT
PUBLIC OPINION POLL TO DETERMINE BEST METHOD OF CREATING FAVORABLE
IMAGE OF PARTY IN PUBLIC MIND. NO POLICY CHANGES PLANNED FOR
TIME BEING AND SHIFTS IN PARTY POSTS PRIOR TO JANUARY CONVENTION
WILL BE HELD TO MINIMUM.

COMMENT: EMBASSY INFORMED DSP LEADERS VIEW RELATIVELY LARGE
POPULAR VOTE AS AFFORDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.
HOWEVER, PARTY WILL HAVE DIFFICULT TASK IN MONTHS AHEAD, WHILE
JSP ENDEAVORS TO CUT GROUND FROM UNDER DSP BY PLAYING DOWN ITS
EXTREMIST POLICIES (ITEM 2).

4. SOHVO PLANS "SPRING STRUGGLE"

SOHVO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD NOVEMBER 30 DISCUSSED DRAFT ACTION

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PROGRAM FOR "SPRING STRUGGLE". PROGRAM CONTEMPLATES DEMANDS BY MEMBER UNIONS FOR 5,000 TO 10,000 YEN INCREASE IN MONTHLY WAGES (COMPARED TO DEMAND FOR 2,000-5,000 YEN INCREASES IN PREVIOUS YEARS), ESTABLISHMENT OF 3,000 YEN MINIMUM WAGE, SHORTER HOURS, FULL EMPLOYMENT, RATIFICATION OF ILO CONVENTION 87, AND RESTORATION OF STRIKE RIGHT TO GOVT EMPLOYEES. USUAL COLLECTION OF POLITICAL DEMANDS, INCLUDING "DESTRUCTION OF SECURITY TREATY SYSTEM", LESS PROMINENT THAN IN PAST. AT REQUEST OF COMMUNIST ANTI-MAINSTREAM FACTION, FINAL ADOPTION OF DRAFT DELAYED UNTIL MID-DECEMBER TO PERMIT DISCUSSIONS AT LOCAL LEVEL. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH COMMUNIST FACTION APPARENTLY SEEKING RECONSIDERATION, MAINSTREAM LEADERSHIP SEEMS DETERMINED STRESS ECONOMIC MORE THAN POLITICAL GOALS THIS SPRING. DEMAND FOR INFLATED OVER-ALL WAGE STRUCTURE REPRESENTS EFFORT TO PRESENT ISSUE WITH WIDE APPEAL TO RANK AND FILE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

5. MIIKE DISPUTE (WEEKA 44, ITEM 5)

FOR FIRST TIME SINCE JANUARY, FULL OPERATIONS RESUMED AT MIIKE COAL MINE DECEMBER 1 AFTER FIRST UNION AND COMPANY AGREED ON TWO ISSUES, INVOLVING JOB REASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSFER ALLOWANCES, WHICH CROPPED UP AFTER PARTIAL OPERATIONS RESUMED PURSUANT TO OCTOBER 29 SETTLEMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: DESPITE RESUMPTION FULL OPERATIONS, ATMOSPHERE AT MIIKE REPORTEDLY STILL TENSE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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6. SOVIETS CONTRACT FOR FUR TANKERS

USSR SIGNED CONTRACTS NOVEMBER 28-30 WITH ISHIKAWAJIMA-HARIMA AND MITSUBISHI SHIPBUILDING EACH TO CONSTRUCT TWO 35,000 DWT TANKERS FOR DELIVERY EARLY 1962. CONTRACTS SIGNED UNDER TERMS OF JAPAN-USSR TRADE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED MARCH 1960. VALUE OF FOUR TANKERS ABOUT 23 MILLION DOLLARS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: COUPLED WITH USSR CONTRACT FOR THREE 12,000 DWT FREIGHTERS SIGNED EARLIER NOVEMBER WITH HITACHI SHIPBUILDING, THIS IS LARGEST SHIP EXPORT DEAL JAPAN HAS EVER SIGNED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. OPENING OF DIET

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— FOLLOWING.) POST THEN OFFERED TO FORMER SPEAKER ICHIRO KIOSE, WHO WAS BITTERLY OPPOSED BY LEFT-WING PARTIES FOR HIS ROLE IN DIET PASSEGE OF SECURITY TREATY LAST MAY. TWO DAYS OF NEGOTIA-TION REQUIRED BEFORE COMPROMISE REACHED DECEMBER 7 BY WHICH SOCIALISTS CAST BLANK BALLOTS FOR KIOSE AS SPEAKER IN RETURN FOR CONSERVATIVE VOTE FOR SOCIALIST TSURUMATSU KUBOTA AS VICE-SPEAKER.

— PRESS AND COMMENTATORS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF IKEDA'S "AWKWARD HANDLING" OF SPEAKER PROBLEM, WHICH THEY FELT WOULD REAWAKEN FACTIONAL RIVALRIES WITHIN LDP ADVERSELY AFFECTING PRIME MINISTER'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PROLONGED HASSLE OVER SPEAKER ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED, RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM CLEARS WAY TO GET ON WITH MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS, AND MAY BE FORGOTTEN WITHOUT SERIOUSLY WEAKENING IUEDA'S POSITION. INCIDENT DISTURBED SMOOTH TAKE-OFF OF NEW GOVT AND HAS TARNISHED PUBLIC IMAGE OF IKEDA AS SKILLFUL POLITICAL LEADER.

2. IKEDA REELECTED: CABINET NAMED

— UPON RESOLUTION OF IMPASSE OVER CHOICE OF LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER (ITEM 1) DIET REELECTED PRIMIN IKEDA LATE DECEMBER 7. COMPOSITION OF NEW CABINET ANNOUNCED IN EARLY HOURS OF DECEMBER 8, AS FOLLOWS: PRIME MINISTER - HAYATO IKEDA (REAPPOINTED); JUSTICE — MINISTER - KOSHIRO UEXI (SATO FACTION); FOREIGN MINISTER - ZENTARO

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1 KOSAKA (IKEDA FACTION; REAPPOINTED); FINANCE MINISTER - MIKIO
 MIYATA (OHNO FACTION; REAPPOINTED); EDUCATION MINISTER- MASUO ARAKI
 (IKEDA FACTION; REAPPOINTED); WELFARE MINISTER - YOSHIMI FURUI
 (MIKI-MATSUMURA FACTION); AGRICULTURE-FORESTRY MINISTER- HIDEO
 SUTO (IKEDA FACTION); INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER -
 ETSUSABUO SHIINA (KISHI FACTION); TRANSPORTATION MINISTER-
 - BUDAYU KOGURE (IKEDA FACTION; UPPER HOUSE); POSTAL SERVICES
 MINISTER- YOSHITERU KOGANE (IKEDA FACTION); LABOR MINISTER-
 HIROHIDE ISHIDA (MINOR FECTION LEADER, CLOSE TO MIKI; REAPPOINTED);
 CONSTRUCTION MINISTER-UMEKICHI NAKAMURA (KONO FACTION);
 AUTONOMY MINISTER-KEN YASUI (UPPER HOUSE, ISHII FACTION); STATE
 MINISTER (DIRECTOR, DEFENSE AGENCY) - NAOMI NISHIMURA (SATO FACTION);
 STATE MINISTER (DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY) - HISATSUNE
 SAKOMIZU (SATO FACTION; REAPPOINTED); STATE MINISTER (DIRECTOR),
 ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND JOKKAIDO DEVELOPMENT AGENCY)-
 SAEKI OZAWA (FUJIYAMA FACTION); STATE MINISTER (DIRECTOR, SCIENCE
 AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY AND CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION)-
 MASANOSUKE IKEDA (KISHI FACTION); CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY-
 - MASAYOSHI CHIRA (IKEDA FACTION; REAPPOINTED); DIRECTOR,
 ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE - SENSUKE FUJIEDA
 (KISHI FACTION; REAPPOINTED).

- NEWSLINE-UP INCLUDES NONE HOLDOVERS FROM FIRST IKEDA CABINET

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— INCLUDING MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND EDUCATION. IN ADDITION TO HOLDOVERS, APPOINTMENT OF EXPERIENCED MEN TO MITI, AGRICULTURE, AND WELFARE, ASSURES COMPETENT LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH IMPLEMENTATION IKEEA'S MAJOR DOMESTIC PROGRAMS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CABINET REPRESENTS ALL MAJOR LDP FACTIONS, — IT INCLUDES NONE OF MAJOR FACTION LEADERS, AND IS HEAVILY WEIGHTED IN FAVOR OF SO-CALLED BSUEUCRATS. WHILE CABINET CONTAINS NO PROMINATE FIGURES, IT INCLUDES NUMBER OF COMPETENT AND EXPERIENCED MEN. BY EMBRACING ALL FACTIONS, CABINET MAY HAVE UTILITY OFR IKEDA OF LESSENING LDP FACTIONALISM IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE AS HE SEEKS TO CONSOLIDATE POSITION. IF FOLLOWED, HOWEVER, BY MAJOR CABINET RESHUFFLE IN JULY, ABOUT WHICH THERE IS ALREADY SOME SPECULATION, HE MAY BE MERELY POSTPONING TROUBLE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. IKEDA PRESS CONFERENCE (ITEMS 1 AND 2)

AT PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER INSTALLATION NEW CABINET, IKEDA VIGOROUSLY AFFIRMED INTENTION OF IMPLEMENTING LDP ELECTION PLATFORM. PRIMIN SAID JAPAN SHOULD COOPERATE WITH US TO DEFEND DOLLAR, AND — EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY ACHIEVE ECONOMIC EXPANSION GOATS. PRIMIN SAID HE HAD NO PLANS CHANGE POLICIES TOWARD COMMIE BLOC ALTHOUGH HE HOPED TO EXPAND CHINCOM TRADE. IKEDA DECLINED TO EXPRESS — OPINION ON POSSIBILITY VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO MEET NEW PRESIDENT,

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7 BUT SAID JAPANESE CHIEF EXECUTIVE SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME WHILE DIET IN SESSION. RE CABINET FORMATION DIFFICULTIES, IKEDA SAID HE WAS "AMATEUR IN PERSONNEL MATTERS" BUT INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATION HIS CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER.

AT SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCE FONMIN KOSAKA ALSO DECLARED PRESENT LINES GOJ FOREIGN POLICY IN NATION'S BEST INTEREST. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IKEDA HANDLED HIMSELF AT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH APLOMB MISSING IN HIS FORMATION OF CABINET. BY FOCUSING POLITICAL ATTENTION MORE ON ISSUES THAN PERSONS HE DISPELLED SOME OF BAD ATMOSPHERE THAT PREVAILED DURING FIRST THREE DAYS OF DIET SESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. TAIRA CASE DECISION

SUPREME COURT DECEMBER 8 TURNED DOWN APPEAL OF 105 DEFENDENTS IN TAIRA RIOT CASE INVOLVING COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS AND LABOR UNIONISTS WHO OCCUPIED THREE POLICE STATIONS IN CITY OF TAIRA, FUKUSHIMA PREFECTURE, AND HELD CITY UNDER CONTROL FOR ABOUT TEN HOURS IN JUNE 1949. COURT REJECTED DEFENSE CONTENTION THAT PROVISIONS CRIMINAL CODE RE CRIME OF RIOT CONTRAVENED CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AGAINST DEPRIVATION LIFE AND LIBERTY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THIS DECISION IN DEFENSE OF SUPREMACY OF LEW AND ORDER EXPECTED TO SET IMPORTANT PRECEDENT FOR SIMILAR TRIALS IN PROGRESS.

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7 ECONOMIC

5. DIRECTIVE ON ICA PROCUREMENT SHONKS JAPAN

TEXT OF SECRETARY HERTER'S ORDER DIRECTING IMMEDIATE CESSATION ICA PROCUREMENT IN JAPAN AND ACCOMPANYING COMMENTARY DOMINATED FRONT PAGES JAPANESE PRESS WHICH FEATURED STORY I ALARMIST TERMS. TOMOMI HARITA, CHAIRMAN JSP POLICY BOARD, SAID US - ACTION SHOWED DANGER JAPAN DEPENDING ON "UNSTABLE" US MARKET AND CALLED ON GOJ TO RENEW EFFORTS EXPAND TRADE WITH COMMUNIST CHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

FONMINS SPOKESMAN ADMITTED STEP MORE DRASTIC THAN ANTICIPATED BUT EXPRESSED BELIEF BAN MAY NOT BE ABSOLUTE SINCE PROVISION MADE FOR EXCEPT ONS. MINISTRY SPOKEMEN ALSO STATED JAPAN SHOULD COOPERATE IN "DOLLAR-SAVING" PROGRAM ESPECIALLY SINCE JAPAN NOW ENJOYING PERIOD UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY.

BANK OF JAPAN AND FINANICAL CIRCLES BELIEVE LOSS ICA-FINANCED EXPORTS, COMBINED WITH EFFECTS US RECESSION MAY FORCE IKEDA LIMIT HIS EXPANSIONIST DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROGRAM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ORDER CAME AS BOMB SHELL TO GOJ AND BUSINESS CIRCLES. WHO HAD ASSUMED REDUCTION WOULD BE FAR MORE LIMITED IN SCOPE. SOCIALISTS SURE TO USE SPECIAL DIET SESSION TO LAUNCH VIGOROUS ATTACK ON IKEDA'S ECONOMIC POLICIES, DEVELOPING THEME JAPAN SHOULD - MINIMIZE IS "ONE-SIDED" DEPENDENCE ON US BY DEVELOPING CLOSER

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7 ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SINO-SOVIET BLOC. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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6. NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL DEFENSE AGENCY INTERVIEWED

NAOMI NISHIMURA, 55, NEW DIRGEN DEFENSE AGENCY (ITEM 2), TOLD PRESS JAPANESE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (JSDF) REQUIRE ENHANCEMENT OF MORALE ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE". HE DENIED NEED FOR REVISION OF CONSTITUTION FOR CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF JSDF, AND ADDED THAT JSDF SHOULD NOT BE MOBILIZED IN EVENT OF DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES. NISHIMURA, LONG-TIME FRIEND OF GENERAL HAYASHI, CHAIRMAN OF JOINT STAFF COUNCIL, CHARACTERIZED BY PRESS AS STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST, WHO BELIEVES IN STRENGTHENING JSDF. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ENHANCEMENT OF JSDF MORALE HAS RECEIVED HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION FOR SOME TIME; STATEMENTS ABOUT CONSTITUTION REVISION AND MOBILIZATION ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MADE PRIMARILY AS POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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7. COMMUNIST "SUMMIT" DECLARATION

COMMUNIST DECLARATION AND APPEAL ISSUED BY MOSCOW CONFERENCE OF COMMIE LEADERS RECEIVED WIDE ATTENTION LOCALLY AND GENERALLY INTERPRETED BY PRESS AS INDICATING KHRUSHCHEV'S POLICY OF "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" HAD ON OUT OVER MORE MILITANT CHICOM APPROACH.

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COMMENT: FONOFF APPREHENSIVE THAT WIDESPREAD INTERPRETATION OF MOSCOW DECLARATION AS TRIUMPH OF KHRUSHCHEV'S POLICY OF "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" MAY ENCOURAGE NEUTRALIST SENTIMENT. FONMIN IS REPORTED SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER LACK PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING REAL NATURE "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" AND MAY MAKE STATEMENT ON SUBJECT IN SPECIAL DIET SESSION.(CONFIDENTIAL) MCARTHUR

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1. DIET (WEEKA 49, ITEM 1)

IN POLICY SPEECH TO SPECIAL DIET DECEMBER 12, PRIMIN IKEDA
 OUTLINED NEW CABINET'S MAJOR POLICIES AND POSITIONS, EMPHASIZING
 FOREIGN POLICY, IKEDA WARMLY ENDORSED JAPAN'S ALIGNMENT WITH US
 AND FREE WORLD AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE RELATIONS WITH US UNDER
 KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION WOULD GROW CLOSER THAN EVER. PRIMIN
 EXPRESSED "FULL UNDERSTANDING" OF NEED FOR US MEASURES TO DEFEND
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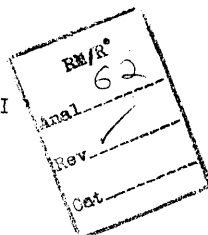
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 GOJ'S TRADE LIBERALIZATION PROGRAM IN CONSEQUENCE THOSE MEASURES.
 ON RELATIONS WITH COMMIE BLOC, HE REPEATED DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY
 RELATIONS X ON BASIS MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON-INTERFERENCE INTERNAL
 AFFAIRS. IN ECONOMIC FIELD, HE ESPECIALLY STRESSED IMPROVEMENTS
 IN AGRICULTURE, AID TO MEDIUM AND SMALL BUSINESS, EXPANSION SOCIAL
 SECURITY AND ACHIEVEMENT OF PROMISED 100 BILLION YEN TAX REDUCTION.

POLICY SPEECH BY FINMIN MIZUTA CHIEFLY SPELLED OUT DETAILS OF
 151 MILLION YEN SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET.

IN SUBSEQUENT INTERPELLATIONS THROUGHOUT WEEK, SOCIALISTS
 CONCENTRATED ON CONSEQUENCES HERE ON US DOLLAR ECONOMIES. IN FOREIGN
 AFFAIRS, SOCIALISTS ACCUSED GOJ OF HAVING "NO UN POLICY OF ITS OWN"
 AND BLINDLY FOLLOWING US IN RECENT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS EVIDENCED
 BY GOJ DECISION AGAINST NEUTRAL NATIONS' RESOLUTION FOR EISENHOWER-
 KHRUSHCHEV MEETING. ALSO CASTIGATED FONMIN KOSAKA FOR JAPAN'S VOTE
 AGAINST PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS SEATING OF READ CHINA AND FOR SUPPORT OF
 GRC AS ECOSOC MEMBER. SOCIALISTS DEMANDED THAT JAPAN RECONSIDER
 "RIGID COMMITMENT" TO WEST. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IKEDA AND OTHER GOVT SPOKESMEN HAS THUS FAR HANDLED
 THEMSELVES WELL BT SOCIALISTS OBVIOUSLY WILL CONTINUE TO
 CONCENTRATE HEAVY FIRE ON EFFECTS IN JAPAN OF CUT-BKCK IN US DOLLAR
 EXPENDITURES. SOCIALISTS CAN ALSO BE EXPECTED KEEP UP ATTACKS ON

GOJ'S "ONE-SIDED , PRO-US POLICY IN EFFORT CREATE IMPRESSION THAT
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ONLY JSP, BEING "FRIENDLY TO ALL COUNTRIES", CAPABLE OF IMPROVING
RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST POWERS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. HAGERTY INCIDENT TRIAL OPENS (WEEKS 43, ITEM

TOKYO DISTRICT COURT DECEMBER 12 OPENED TRIAL OF 22
DEFENDANTS INVOLVED IN HAGERTY INCIDENT JUNE 10 (WEEK 24, ITEM 4).
DEFENDANTS INCLUDE 6 JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS, 5 "ANTI-
MAINSTREAM" ZENGAKUREN MEMBERS, AND 11 LABOR UNIONISTS. TRIAL IS
ONE OF SERIES OF CASES INVOLVING OVER 80 LEFTIST DEFENDANTS CHARGED
WITH OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER DURING "ANTI-SECURITY TREATY
STRUGGLE" DISTURBANCES IN PAST YEAR.

IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, FUKAWASAKI IRON WORKS OF JAPAN STEEL AND
TUBE CO. GAVE DISMISSAL NOTICES TO 6 EMPLOYEES WHO AMONG 22 HAGERTY
INCIDENT DEFENDANTS. COMPANY SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY BASED DISMISSAL
ON GROUNDS THAT EMPLOYEES' "DISGRACEFUL ACTIONS" HAD DAMAGED DIGNITY
OF COMPANY AND PEOPLE'S TRUST IN IT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TRIALS LIKELY TO BE PROTRACTED (SECOND
HEARING IN HAGERTY CASE NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL MID-JANUARY), COURT
PROCEEDINGS AND COMPANY ACTION MAY HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT AS REMINDER
THAT LEADERS OF VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

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3. REACTIONS TO RUSK-BOWLES STEVENSON APPOINTMENTS

JAPANESE MEDIA CARRIED EXTENSIVE FAVORABLE COMMENT ON
APPOINTMENTS NEW US "FOREIGN POLICY TEAM". PRESS REPORTED UNOFFICIAL

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REMARKS BY FONMIN SOURCES WELCOMING DEAN RUSK'S APPOINTMENT AS PROMISING FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF US-JAPAN BONS. COMMENTATORS GENERALLY STRESSED THAT FAMILIARITY OF MR. RUSK AND CHESTER BOWLES WITH ASIAN PROBLEMS INDICATES CLOSE US ATTENTION TO AREA, AND THAT APPOINTMENT ADLAI STEVDNSON INDICATES HIGH IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO UN DIPLOMACY. SPECULATION ON IMPLICATIONS RE FUTURE US POLICY CENTERED ON POSSIBILITY OF "FLEXIBILITY" TOWARD COMMUNIST BLOC AFD EMPHASIS ON AFRO-ASIAN RELATIONS. JSP OFFICIAL SAID PARTY PLACES "GREAT EXPECTATIONS " ON NEW APPOINTEES, AND VOICED HOPE US WOULD "EXPRESS CLEARLY ITS STAND AGAINST COLONIALISM AND REPLACE MILITARY AID WITH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE". (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: NONE.

4. VISIT OF PAKISTAN PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT AYUB KHAN OF PAKISTAN ARRIVED TOKYO DECEMBER 12 FOR SEVEN DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM PREPARED BY GOJ FOR VISIT HAS INCLUDED MEETI G AND DINNER WITH EMPEROR CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIMIN, AND VISITOR TO FACTORIES. HE HAS ALSO MET WITH JAPANESE AND FOREIGN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES IN TOKYO AND IN REPLY PRESS QUERIES STATED PAKISTAN WILL EVER HESITATE TO DISCHARGE ITS DUTYAS MEMBER SEATO AND WILL SEND TROOPS TO LAOS IF SEATO DECIDES SUCH ACTION NECESSARY. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: PRESIDENT AYUB BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY HAS

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BEEN UTILIZING HIS VISIT TO URGE INCREASED JAPANESE INVESTMENTS IN PAKISTAN. SUCH ACTION APPEARS FIT IN WELL WITH GOJ HOPE THAT AYUB VISIT WILL RESULT IN CLOSER COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. GENERAL IMPRESSION MADE BY AYUB THUS FAR HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE AND PRESS HAS ACCORDED VISIT WIDE AND FAVORABLE ATTENTION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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1. DIET

37TH SPECIAL DIET ADJOURNED DECEMBER 22 AFTER PASSING
 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET WITHOUT AMENDMENT. GOVT INTRODUCED 25 BILLS
 (ALL APPROVED EXCEPT 2 DEFENSE BILLS--ITEM 6) ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS,
 INCLUDING PUBLIC SERVANTS SALARY RAISE, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, AND
 DISASTER RELIEF. IN FINAL WEEK OF SESSION, SOCIALISTS PERSISTENTLY
 PROBED GOVT'S INTENTION RE SETTLEMENT OF GARIOA AND EROA DEBTS,
 DEFENSE PLANS, AND FOREIGN POLICY, INCLUDING KOREA AND COMMUNIST CHINA.

38TH REGULAR DIET CONVENES DECEMBER 26 FOR 1-2 DAY NON-
 SUBSTANTIVE SESSION FOLLOWED BY RECESS UNTIL LATE JANUARY. (UNCLASS-

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COMMENT: FOLLOWING INITIAL CONFUSION OVER CHOICE OF LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER (WEEKA 49, ITEM 1), SPECIAL SESSION PRODUCED FEW FIREWORKS. GOVT MINTAINED ENERALLY LOW POSTURE THROUGHOUT SESSION AND FOR 0 TT HANDLED SOCIALIT INTERPELLATIONS WITH APLOMB. HOWEVER, DEBATES MAKE CLEAR THAT WHEN REGULAR SESSION RESUMES IN JANUARY IKEDA LEADERSHIP WILL FACE TOUGH AND SKILFULLY ORGANIZED ATTACKS ON WHOLE RANGE ITS DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES, PARTICULARLY ON ISSUES RELATING TO COMMUNIST CHINA, TRADE LIBERALIZATION, GARIOA, AND DEFENSE BUILD-UP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. SOCIALIST PARTY'S (JSP) "STRUCTURAL REFORM" STIRS CRITICISM

NEW JSP CONCEPT REFERRED TO AS "STRUCTURAL REFORM" HAS RECENTLY BEEN CRITICIZED BY COMMUNIST PARTY FOR DRAWING PARTY TO RIGHT AND BY SOHVO CHAIRMAN OTA FOR OVERLOOKING IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZATION AND POSING "DANGER OF REVISIONISM". FIRST SET FORTH IN JSP POLICIES APPROVED AT OCTOBER CONVENTION, CONCEPT IS BORROWED FROM ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY SECGEN TOGLIATTI. SPONSORS IN JSP SEE IT AS MEANS OF DEVELOPING REALISTIC POLICIES CARRIED OUT WITHIN EXISTING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK, WITHOUT ABANDONING BASIC "RENOVATION" OF SOCIETY AS ULTIMATE SOCIALIST OBJECTIVE. JSP CHAIRMAN EDA AND CHIEF POLICY PLANNER NARITA ARGUE THAT NEW POLICIES ARE VITAL IF JSP IS TO WIN SUFFECIENT POPULAR SUPPORT TO BREAK

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-THROUGH "ONE-THIRD WALL" OF DIET SEATS. (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: POSE OF MODERATION IMPLICIT IN STRUCTURAL REFORM
CONTRASTS WITH "CLASS-STRUGGLE" THEORIES THAT HAVE DOMINATED JSP
THINKING IN PAST TWO YEARS. OTA'S CRITICISM PROBABLY REFLECTS
GENUINE CONCERN ON PART OF MANY IN SHOHVO AND JSP THAT
WHAT STARTED AS TACTICAL MOVE MIGHT END UP BY TURNING JSP TO THE RIGHT.
-WITH LEFT-WINGERS IN FIRM CONTROL OF PARTY, ANY SUCH RESULT SEEMS
HIGHLY UNLIKELY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. JAPANESE REACTION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS

LAOTIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN IN MEETING WITH FOMIN KOSAKA
REQUESTED GOJ'S SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION FOR BOUN OUM PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT. FONGOFF RECEIVED AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION SYMPATHETI-
CALLY AND, WHILE HANDICAPPED BY INABILITY COMMUNICATE WITH JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR IN VIENTIANE, IS GIVING URGENT STUDY TO SITUATION IN LAOS,
INCLUDING LEGAL BASIS OF BOUN OUM'S MANDATE.

LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT ON LAOS CRISIS HAS BEEN GENERALLY
CRITICAL OF BOTH US AND USSR WITH US SINGLED OUT IN PARTICULAR FOR
ALLEGEDLY SUPPLYING ARMS TO PHOUMI. PRESS ACCORDS MINIMUM RECOGNITION
TO SIGNIFICANCE LAOTIAN STRUGGLE FOR FREE WORLD SECURITY. EMBASSY
HAS GIVEN FONGOFF FULL PRESENTATION US POSITION ON NEW LAOTIAN GOVT.
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-COMMENT: WHILE CONCERNED WITH LEGALITIES OF TRANSFER OF

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GOVERNMENTAL POWERS AND WITH CONTINUING FLUIDITY OF MILITARY SITUATION IN LAOS, FONOFF APPEARED GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO US POINT OF VIEW.
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4. OKINAWA

IN LATEST OF SERIES OF RECENT JAPANESE LEFTIST ACTIONS AGITATING RE OKINAWA, DELEGATION FROM LIAISON COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT TO SOLVE OKINAWAN PROBLEM CALLED AB EMBASSY DECEMBER 21 TO PRESENT SECOND PETITION WITHIN MONTH SEEKING ENTRY PERMISSION FOR LARGE "MISSION TO INVESTIGATE ACTUAL CONDITIONS IN OKINAWA". (LIAISON COUNCIL REPRESENTS ASSORTMENT OF LEFTIST GROUPS INCLUDING JSP, JCP AND SOHVO.) JSP HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED PLANS TO SUBMIT "SUPRA-PARTISAN" RESOLUTION IN DIET CALLING FOR RETURN OF ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS OVER OKINAWA AND BONINS, AND TO SEEK ESTABLISHMENT IN LOWER HOUSE OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVERSION.

MEANWHILE, GRI DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE SENAGE ARRIVED TOKYO DECEMBER 14 FOR TWO WEEKS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS IN EFFORT TO "PUSH" GOJ ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR RYUKYUS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)
COMMENT: STEPPED-UP LEFTIST ATTENTION TO OKINAWA PROBABLY

REFLECTS THEIR CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS CONSERVATIVE PARTY LANDSLIDE VICTORY IN LAST MONTH'S RYUKYUS ELECTION AND OVER EXISTING FRIENDLY US-GOJ COOPERATION ON OKINAWA MATTERS. ALTHOUGH DIET PASSED FOUR SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS IN PAST, FONOFF HAS PRESENTED VIEWS AGAINST JSP

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RESOLUTION TO LDP, AND INDICATES LDP DOES NOT PLAN TO APPROVE IT.
VISIT BY SENAGA, WHO BEING WELL RECEIVED BY GOJ AND LDP, PROVIDES
GOOD CONTRAST TO LEFTIST AGITATITNS. (CONFIDENTIAL)
ECONOMIC

5. PROTOCOL ON SOVIET TRADE

PROTOCOL COVERING LIST OF ITEMS TO BE EXCHANGED IN SECOND
YEAR OF THREE-YEAR JAPAN-SOVIET TRADE AND PAYMENTS AGREEMENT SIGNED
IN MOSCOW ON DECEMBER 21. LIST INDICATES JAPANESE EXPORTS IN 1961
TO USSR WILL BE \$85 MILLION AND IMPORTS \$75 MILLION; BOTH FIGURES
\$5 MILLION HIGHER THAN ORIGINAL ESTIMATES FOR 1961. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: COMPARED WITH OLD LISTS, NEW PROTOCOL CALLS FOR HIGHER
PROPORTION OF SEMI-PROCESSED GOODS (ESPECIALLY STEEL PRODUCTS AND
FIBERS) AMONG EXPORTS TO USSR. THIS GRATIFYING TO JAPANESE SINCE
SALES OF FINISHED PLANT FACILITIES HAVE NOT GONE WELL IN PAST AND
THEY REGARD SEMI-PROCESSED CATEGORY AS MORE PROMISING. JAPAN WILL
BUY SOMEWHAT LARGER AMOUNTS OF SOVIET RAW MATERIALS (OIL, COAL,
TIMBER). IT IS EXPECTED AGREEMENT, TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL CASH
SALES, WILL RESULT IN WIPING OUT EXISTING TRADE IMBALANCE (CURRENTLY
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6. BILLS TO REVISE DEFENSE LAWS (WEEK 36, ITEM 8)

GOJ ON DECEMBER 19 SUBMITTED TO SPECIAL DIET SESSION BILLS TO REVISE JAPAN'S TWO BASIC DEFENSE LAWS (DEFENSE AGENCY ESTABLISHMENT LAW AND SELF DEFENSE FORCE LAW). BILLS INCLUDED PROVISION TO RAISE JSDF AUTHORIZED STRENGTH BY 8,405 PERSONNEL AND INCREASE AUTHORITY JOINT STAFF COUNCIL. SAME BILLS WERE SUBMITTED EARLY THIS YEAR BUT DIET CONSIDERATION WAS DEFERRED DUE TO SECURITY TREATY ISSUE. ACCORDING TO JDA SOURCES, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR PASSAGE BEFORE DECEMBER 22 ADJOURNMENT, BUT BILLS WERE RESUBMITTED PRIMARILY TO TEST DIET REACTION AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE MUCH CONTROVERSY IF PRESENTED DURING NEXT REGULAR DIET SESSION. DESPITE FACT NECESSARY FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROPRIATED, JDA NOT CONFIDENT BILLS WILL BE PASSED IF GOVT RESUBMITS REGULAR SESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL) COMMENT: STRENGTH PICTURE NOT IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED SINCE JSDF

STRENGTH ALREADY SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW AUTHORIZED CEILINGS FAILURE OF REGULAR DIET SESSION TO PASS BILLS WOULD BE SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT TO JSDF LEADERSHIP WHICH REGARDS THEM AS FUNDAMENTAL IN ITS EFFORTS TO INCREASE JAPAN'S MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. PAY INCREASE FOR JSDF

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7 UNDER PROVISIONS OF JFY 1960 GOVERNMENT-WIDE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BILL PASSED BY DIET DECEMBER 22, UGOJ HAS GRANTED MILITARY PAY INCREASE RETROACTIVE TO OCTOBER 1 ROUGHLY EQUAL TO 12.4 PERCENT INCREASE GIVEN OTHER GOVT EMPLOYEES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: DIET APPROVED PAY INCREASE OVER OBJECTIONS FINANCE
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-MINISTRY WHICH ATTEMPTED TO HOLD DOWN PERCENTAGE INCREASE BELOW THAT GRANTED OTHER AGENCIES. APPROVAL AVERTED SERIOUS BLOW TO JSDF MORALE AND JSDF ABILITY TO ATTRACT RECRUITS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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POLITICAL

1. JAPAN AND COMMUNIST CHINA

INTENTION OF JAPANESE SOCIALISTS (JSP) TO DEVOTE PRIORITY
TO QUESTION OF JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA BECAME

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INCREASINGLY EVIDENT WHEN JSP ON DECEMBER 27 APPROVED PROGRAM FOR "PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR RESTORATION OF RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA". IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS EARLY CONCLUSION OF GOVT TO GOVT TRADE AGREEMENT PARTY PLANS STEPPED-UP PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN, PETITION CIRCULATION, MASS RALLIES AND FURTHER EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS WITH PEIPING. AS PRELIMINARY STEP, A NUMBER OF LEFT-WING JSP MEMBERS HAVE ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO VISIT PEIPING.

MEANWHILE AT MEETING OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DELIBERATION COUNCIL (SEMI-OFFICIAL ADVISORY BODY TO FONOFF) DEPUTY VICE FONMIN SHIMA GAVE COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT ON LEGAL AND POLITICAL FACTORS AFFECTING COMMUNIST CHINA PROBLEM. HE EXPLAINED THAT INTERNATIONAL LAW DOES NOT PERMIT JAPAN TO RECOGNIZE CHICOMS WHILE ^{MAINTAINING} PRESENT RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONALIST CHINA; AND THAT WHILE AGREEMENTS ON TECHNICAL MATTERS SUCH AS WEATHER FORECASTING AS WELL AS SOME TRADE CULTURAL AND PERSONAL EXCHANGES ARE FEASIBLE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, GOVT TO GOVT TRADE AGREEMENT IS RULED OUT SINCE IT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS DE FACTO RECOGNITION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: NEW JSP MOVE ON CHINA QUESTION IS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO CREATE PROBLEMS BETWEEN JAPAN AND US. JSP STATEMENT FRANKLY DECLARES THAT CHINA ISSUE MUST BE REGARDED AS MEANS OF OVERTHROWING US-JAPANESE MILITARY ALIGNMENT. SHIMA'S REMARKS REFLECT GOJ DETERMINATION TO PREVENT JSP FROM TAKING FULL POSSESSION OF CHINA ISSUE.

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HE HAS EMPHASIZED TO EMBASSY THAT HIS EXPOSITION SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS STATEMENT OF GOJ POSITION BUT RATHER AS DEFINITION OF BASIC CONSIDERATIONS WITHIN WHICH ANY GOJ POLICY MUST BE FORMULATED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. DEIT (WEEKA 51, ITEM 1)

38TH REGULAR DIET SESSION CONVENED DECEMBER 26 BUT RECESSED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER FOR HOLIDAYS AFTER CUSTOMARY GREETINGS FROM LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER AND UPPER HOUSE PRESIDENT. DIET WILL PROBABLY RECONVENE JANUARY 27 OR 28, BUT FINAL SCHEDULE WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL JANUARY 25.

IN INTERVAL BETWEEN SPECIAL AND REGULAR DIET SESSIONS CEREMONY WAS HELD IN PRESENCE EMPEROR, EMPRESS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO COMMEMORATE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE PARLIAMENT.

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COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO BUDGET WHICH INCORPORATES MOST OF IKEDA'S CAMPAIGN PLEDGES (INCLUDING TAX REDUCTION, INCREASED PUBLIC INVESTMENT, AND EXTENDED SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS), OTHER IMPORTANT MEASURES GOVT EXPECTS TO INTRODUCE ARE BASIC AGRICULTURAL LAW TO ENCOURAGE RATIONALIZATION OF PRODUCTION, ILO CONVENTION 87 (FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND RIGHT TO ORGANIZE) AND TWO DEFENSE BILLS NOT ACTED ON AT SPECIAL SESSION (WEEKA 51, ITEM 6). (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. ROK-JAPAN

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FINAL SESSION OF PRELIMINARY ROK-JAPAN TALKS ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WAS HELD DECEMBER 21 AFTER WHICH ROK DELEGATION DEPARTED FOR SEOUL. FULL SCALE TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN LATE IN JANUARY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH REAL PROGRESS MADE ONLY ON QUESTION OF STATUS OF KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN, PRELIMINARY TALKS HAVE PROVIDED USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH SIDE TO SOUND OUT REACTION OF OTHER TO NEW AND MORE REALISTIC PROPOSALS FOR SOLUTION OF OLD PROBLEMS. IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS TALKS, GENERALLY CONGENIAL ATMOSPHERE PREVAILED THROUGHOUT, WHICH AUGURS WELL, FONOFF BELIEVES, FOR NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. OTA TRIP

KAORU OTA, PRESIDENT OF SOHYO, DEPARTED DECEMBER 28 ON ONE-MONTH TRIP TO MOSCOW (HOPING TO MEET KHRUSHCHEV), PRAGUE (TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM WFTU), EAST BERLIN, PARIS, LONDON, BRUSSELS (TO OBSERVE "POLITICAL GENERAL STRIKE"), AND ROME (TO MEET TOGLIATTI). RIP SPONSORED BY WFTU. IN DEPARURE STATEMENT, OTA SAID THAT IN "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES HE WOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR GOOD-WILL TOWARD SOHYO AND OBSERVE "SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION, WHILE IN "CAPITALIST" COUNTRIES HE WOULD STUDY PROBLEM OF SHORTER HOURS AND HIGHER WAGES. FOR LATTER PURPOSE, OTA WILL BE JOINED IN PARIS BY SPECIAL "STUDY MISSION" COMPOSED OF OFFICERS OF SOHYO

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AFFILIATES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: OTA'S FIRST TRIP ABROAD IS A TOKEN OF CORDIAL
RELATIONS WITH WFTU AFFILIATES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. OKINAWA

SENSUKE FUJIEDA (DIRGEN, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE) VISITED
OKINAWA DECEMBER 26-29 TO ATTEND COMPLETION CEREMONY OF NEW GOJ
LIAISON OFFICE BUILDING. JAPANESE PRESS CARRIED DAILY REPORTS OF
THIS FIRST TRIP O OKINAWA BY "CABINET RANK" GOJ OFFICIAL SINCE WAR,
HIGHLIGHTING HIS STATEMENTS RE FRIENDLY COOPERATION AND MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US, GOJ AND GRI, AS WELL AS VARIOUS REQUESTS
MADE TO HIM BY RYUKYUANS FOR EXPANDED GOJ ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

MEANWHILE, TN VISIT TO JAPAN THIS WEEK, TSUMICHIYO ASATO,
MEMBER OF CEC OF OKINAWA SOCIALIST MASSES PARTY, SUGGESTED THAT
JAPANESE CONSIDER ALLOTING SEVERAL SEATS IN DIET TO OKINAWAN
REPRESENTATIVES WITH "OBSERVER" STATUS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: LIKELY THAT ASATO'S SUGGESTION WILL BE SUPPORTED BY
JAPANESE SOCIALISTS AS ADDITIONAL MEANS OF AGITATION (WEEKA 51, DIEM
4) AND IN EFFORT ASSIST OKINAWAN LEFTISTS TO REPAIR LOSSES THEY
SUFFERED IN NOVEMBER RYUKYUS ELECTION. FUJIEDA VISIT SHOULD HOWEVER
STRENGTHEN LDP POSITION THAT MODERATE POLICY BASED ON CLOSE COOPERA-
TION WITH US IS MOST FURUITFUL APPROACH TO OKINAWA PROBLEMS.

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